

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3108–3128; and 3 resolutions; H. Con. Res. 248–249, and H. Res. 265 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 264, providing for consideration of H.R. 2975, to combat terrorism (H. Rept. 107–238); and

H.R. 2336, to make permanent the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers (H. Rept. 107–239).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

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Pledge Across America: Pursuant to the order of the House of October 11, at 2 p.m. Representative Cox led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Terrorism Deterrence: The House passed H.R. 2975, to deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world and to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools by a yea-and-nay vote of 337 yeas to 79 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 386. Agreed to amend the title.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 73 yeas to 345 nays, Roll No. 385, rejected the Nadler motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that defines the scope of provisions of Title II, Enhanced Surveillance Procedures, to investigations of domestic terrorism or international terrorism.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3108, to deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world and to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools was considered as adopted.

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Modifications to amendment in the nature of a substitute considered as adopted:

Agreed to Waters unanimous consent request to strike section 1001 which dealt with payments of \$250,000 to the estates of the 12 citizens killed in the 1998 terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and

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Agreed to the Sensenbrenner unanimous consent request to strike section 302, Material Support for Terrorism, section 303, Assets of Terrorist Organizations, and section 304, Technical Clarification Relating to Provision of Material Support to Terrorism.

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical changes and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 264, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 384. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 383.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 263, waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against a special rule providing for consideration or disposition of H.R. 2975, to combat terrorism, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 382.

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Legislative Program: Representative Portman announced the legislative program for the week of October 15.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, October 16: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 18.

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Senate messages: Messages received today from the Senate appear on pages H6712.

Referrals: S.J. Res. 25 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6712, H6725–26, H6726, H6775, H6775–76. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on “Combating Terrorism: Assessing the Threat of Biological Terrorism.” Testimony was heard from Ray Decker, Director, Defense